

REMARKS

Claims 16, 19, 21, 23, 25-27, 29, 33, 35, 40, 42, 44, 47, 50, 55, and 63 have been amended to change the multiple dependency of the originally filed claims to single dependency. Additionally, claim 26 has been further amended to correct an inadvertent error. Specifically, the term "formula I, the" after the term "wherein the" has been removed.

None of these amendments add any new matter.

Applicants respectfully request that the Director consider the foregoing remarks and enter the indicated amendments prior to any fee calculations and prior to substantive examination of this application.

It is believed that there are no fees associated with this amendment; however, if Applicants are mistaken, the Director is authorized to charge any fees (or credit any overpayments) to Deposit Account Number: 50-0725, reference number VPI/03-152 US.

Respectfully submitted,

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